

House Resolution No. 4134

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State family-owned-and-operated businesses that admirably deepen and broaden the economic foundations of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Shannon Jewelry of Mountain Grove, Missouri, was established on September 5, 1953, by John and Lois Shannon after his return from a tour of duty with the United States Air Force; and

Whereas, Shannon Jewelry celebrated its Fifty-fifth Anniversary of operations on September 5, 2008; and

Whereas, John Shannon taught himself clock repair at the tender age of eleven, and when he was thirteen he met Mr. Foxworthy, who also was a self-taught clock repairer and jeweler; and

Whereas, during his high school years, John Shannon worked for Mr. Foxworthy, who taught the youth all of the in's and out's of the trade; and

Whereas, in the winter of 1948, the elderly Mr. Foxworthy fell and was unable to work, so John Shannon asked if he could help run the business; and

Whereas, John Shannon married his beloved Lois in 1950, and after his Air Force service was completed he purchased the equipment and tools of Mr. Foxworthy, including the ones that were handmade for a special purpose; and

Whereas, John and Lois Shannon had a son, James, in 1957 who grew up in the jewelry shop, graduated from Mountain Grove High School, and became a partner in the business; and

Whereas, today's Shannon Jewelry is known in southern Missouri as one of the few watch and clock repair shops that still service all types and sizes of watches and clocks:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Shannon Jewelry and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Shannon Jewelry of Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Van Kelly
District No. 144

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4134, adopted September 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker